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Tobacco Sales Near A Million

Smithfield Market Still Leads Eastern North Carolina In Prices; Government Grading Going Over Big

Tobacco sales on the Smithfield market today approximate one million pounds with prices still leading Eastern North Carolina. During the first four days of the market 705,424 pounds were sold, and yesterday big breaks at each warehouse raised the total considerably. The amount of cash turned loose during the first four days totaled \$91,120.47.

Friday, S. T. Honeycutt, president of the Smithfield Board of Trade, together with W. H. Austin and J. J. Broadhurst made a tour of the Goldsboro, Kinston, Tarboro, Greenville, Rocky Mount, and Wilson markets, bringing back the news that Smithfield was still leading in averages.

The government grading service instituted on the Smithfield market for the first time in North Carolina and available only on this market is going over big and a larger percentage of farmers are each day availing themselves of this new system.

Tobacco is coming from tobacco territory far and near. Farmers from Sampson, Harnett, Duplin, Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson have been on the market here.

Farmer Well Pleased With Tobacco Market.

That farmers are well pleased with the Smithfield tobacco market though prices are still low, is evident. One farmer—M. L. Smith, who lives near Wilson's Mills, showed us his tobacco bill yesterday, and stated that as long as he gets good prices for his tobacco he expects to keep coming back to this market. Mr. Smith sold four lots of tobacco yesterday totaling 384 pounds, which was auctioned off at \$78.92, averaging \$20.55 per hundred. He brought a lot of sand lugs here last week which averaged \$19.00 per hundred. The tobacco sold yesterday was government graded.

This is Mr. Smith's first year in tobacco raising. He has seven barns.

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 9.—The trial of sixteen Gastonia Textile strikers and strike leaders on charges of murder growing out of the death of O. F. Aderholt came to an abrupt end here today when J. C. Campbell, a juror, became violently insane. Judge M. V. Barnhill declared a mistrial immediately that court convened at 9:40 o'clock. Campbell became violent on the subject of religion as the jury was being taken into court this morning. Deputy Sheriff Avery B. Johnston, another deputy, and a juror overpowered him and took him to the county jail where the combined efforts of four men were necessary to put him into a cell.

After Judge Barnhill had ordered a mistrial returned attorney Frank Flowers for the defense objected to the order. He suggested that the eleven sane jurors be held and another selected. Judge Barnhill said he doubted if this could be done as the term of court officially ended last Saturday but the defense asked time for conference and Judge Barnhill directed that his mistrial order be held up temporarily.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Margaret Edmondson deciphered her name. TODAY'S TANTALIZER hidientlyr

New York Cow Sets Non-Stop Record



Completing her ninth test, Sophie's Eddy, at Randolph Farm, Lockport, N. Y., emerged as the world's greatest dairy cow. For her nine successive tests she has averaged 781 lbs. of butterfat and 15,927 lbs. of milk, her total production to date being 7,030.31 lbs. of butterfat and 143,348 lbs. of milk.

State Money In Hand For Schools

Johnston's First Payment of Equalizing Fund Amounts to \$26,000; Another Payment on Oct. 15th.

The first payments to the counties which benefit from the equalizing fund set up by the 1929 General Assembly were mailed from the State Department of Public Instruction Thursday. Johnston county's share of the first apportionment totals \$26,000. The entire amount sent out was \$1,035,000. Eighty-three counties in the state received installments from this sum which will be used for the operation of the six months school terms. Another payment totaling \$165,000 will be sent eleven remaining counties which participate in the school relief fund when statements of their needs have been sent to the State Department.

Based on the tentative budget which has been submitted, Johnston county's share in the state equalizing fund for the six months schools is \$110,000. The state department announced that the first payment this year was greater than it has heretofore been. The state treasurer is planning to send the second payment about October 15. This money received from the state is regarded as extremely timely, since it will save counties from borrowing money against the tax levy for the school term. The distribution of this fund is restricted to four payments, under the usual discussed school law.

ANOTHER CHAIN STORE FOR SMITHFIELD

Mr. C. A. Stewart of Henderson was here yesterday in the interest of a new ladies ready to wear chain store which is being opened up here Saturday, September 14. The new shop, which will be styled "The Hollywood Shop," will be located in the store recently vacated by the Jordan Jewelry Store. The proprietors, Roth-Stewart company, expect to carry an exclusive stock. Misses Addie and Lelia Talton will be in charge of the new store. Read their announcement elsewhere in this issue.

LOCAL FORD DEALER SELLS MOST CARS

D. F. Reid, of the Reid-Sanders Motor company, local Ford dealer, has been notified by the Charlotte branch of the Ford Motor company that his firm led in sales during the month of August. The Ford dealers of the state are in groups of five and the Reid-Sanders Motor company is in group C. The groups are based on their annual allotment of cars.

Mr. Reid, manager of the Reid-Sanders Motor company, is experienced in the automobile business. He states that a prompt delivery on any style Ford is available on short notice.

TEACHERS' MEETING SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The teachers of the Smithfield and Selma schools will meet in the school building in Selma Saturday afternoon, September 14, at four o'clock. Every teacher is requested to be present.

Ginners Decide To Cut Prices

Hold Annual Barbecue at Holt Lake; Government Report Indicates Shorter Cotton Crop Than Last Year

The price of ginning was reduced from \$4.50 to \$4.00 a bale by the Johnston County Ginners Association at the annual barbecue held at Holt Lake Friday afternoon at six o'clock. A cut in price was discussed during the meeting and four dollars a bale met with the approval of the twenty-five ginners present. A barbecue and social hour were enjoyed along with the business meeting.

W. M. Sanders of Smithfield is president of the ginners association and J. W. Stephenson also of this city, is the secretary and treasurer.

MOVES OFFICES TO GROUND FLOOR

Friends of Dr. Thel Hooks will be interested to learn that his offices will in the future be located on a ground floor. He has secured the place just vacated by Nairn's cafe, and is moving in this week. The place has been newly painted and convenient partitions forming a very attractive suite of offices. Dr. Hooks was formerly on the second floor of the Hood building.

BIG BOY BOTTLING CO. OPEN PLANT IN CITY

The Big Boy Bottling company is the name of a new manufacturing concern which began business here yesterday. The new enterprise is owned and operated by Smithfield citizens, J. Verney Peterson and E. Jones, both well known here and in the county. Mr. Peterson for two seasons has operated Holt Lake.

The new plant is located on the corner of Ninth and Market streets, at the old Whitehead and Springs filling station. The firm manufactures eight flavors of bottled drinks and in a few weeks they expect the public to be familiar with their products. They intend to keep salesmen on the road. Read their ad elsewhere in this issue.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING TO BE BEGUN

At a conference of First Baptist church Sunday night, Building Evangelist J. M. Page presented, the church voted to undertake at once the building of the Sunday school unit of the new church building. The plans of the Ranneke Rapids Baptist church, one of Mr. Page's churches, has been selected. Certain changes in the plan are to be made by Mr. Page at once and it is hoped that the building will shortly begin.

Little Miss Noemie Calais returned home Saturday after spending a few days with friends in Benson.

To Organize County Grange in Cleveland

Election of Officers, Committees and Delegates to Take Place at Meeting Sept. 20

The local Johnston county Grangers will meet in convention Friday, September 20 to organize a county or Pomona Grange at Cleveland township Grange, twelve miles west of Smithfield. The program will begin at 10 a. m. with the national master or his representative in the chair. An election will be held of officers and committees and delegates to the state convention on September 26. At one o'clock the patrons will serve a basket dinner in the grove adjoining the lodge hall.

At two o'clock patrons will reassemble to discuss and adopt an agricultural program for Johnston county. A caretaker and nurse will be on the grounds to entertain the children of the patrons while in session.

COTTON LETTER

Continued extremely hot weather in the western belt over the holidays, and a marked reduction in private crop estimates, particularly that of Mr. Fossick of Memphis, showing an indicated yield of 14,788,000 bales, brought a sharp advance yesterday. A natural reaction has taken place today, and it is probable that with the Government Report to be issued next Monday, the market will fluctuate irregularly until that report is issued.

If the Government confirms Mr. Fossick's figures, or even if they come slightly higher, the cotton trade of the world will then be presented with the problem of a short cotton crop. Unquestionably the crop has continued to deteriorate during the first five days of September, and deterioration at this time of the year becomes increasingly rapid, as the young bolls are forced to premature opening, and as the plant ceases to put on new fruit.

The great question now is; how much a good, general rain would do towards increasing the production this year? An extremely warm, open fall, and no frost before Christmas, would, of course, increase production, if a sufficient amount of rain fell to start the plant blooming again. There have been seasons, when cotton has been made after September 1, but they are the exception rather than the rule, and it would be extremely dangerous to bank on such an occurrence happening again.

The spinning trade and the consumers of cotton, while uneasy and worried, are, nevertheless, not yet convinced that the crop has declined as much as the private estimates would indicate. In fact, the Atlantic States spinners, under the influence of the good crop in their locality, all think that the crop is much larger than would now appear to be the case.

The question, therefore, is what will their attitude be should the Government confirm this deterioration? It must not be forgotten that cotton at these prices, with such an indicated yield as now shown by the private reports, is very cheap, and the public is rapidly becoming aware of this fact—something which might have a most marked influence on prices, after the Government estimate is known, and which could easily sweep everything in front of it, until we reach a level, which, for the time being at least, would discount the situation.

HUBBARD BROS. & CO.

New York, Sept. 5. Mother: "Oh, dear, you're letting the sawdust run out of your new doll."
Mary: "Oh, it's all right mummy. I'm helping her to reduce so she'll be fashionable."

Tobacco Farmers May Re-Organize

James C. Stone, of the Farm Board, Discusses Cooperative Marketing; Aderholt Trial Gets Under Way

About 400 farmers in a mass meeting in Raleigh Saturday unanimously adopted a resolution providing for the organization of another tobacco growers cooperative marketing association in the Southeastern States. Representative growers were present from Virginia and North and South Carolina. James C. Stone, tobacco representative on the national farm board, discussed at length cooperative marketing, and strongly urged the farmers to organize again. He explained that farmers could not hope for aid from the Federal government until they were organized, and urged that a committee be appointed to study the best business organization possible. He thought that organization should come only after the "best brains of each state have sat around a table and figured out a safe and efficient organization" with the facts before them. He stated that he favored them. He stated that the Federal government closely supervises all organizations to which the farm board lends money. Mr. Stone warned those present against organizing under the stress of hard times and of admitting to membership growers who were not absolutely sold on cooperative marketing, and who would run out at the slightest brightening of the skies. Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting.

The trial of the sixteen textile workers and strike leaders charged with the murder of Chief of Police O. F. Aderholt of Gastonia entered its third week yesterday at Charlotte with the testimony of the prosecution still unfinished. The first nine days of the case were consumed in the selection of the jury, in which 100 veniremen were summoned and 400 were actually examined. Although three days have been used up with evidence the state is not nearly through the presentation of its case. For the most part, the testimony heard so far has been given by officers who accompanied Chief Aderholt on the night of the murder, and others who were actually at the Gastonia headquarters of the National Textile Workers when the chief was killed and three other officers and one of the strike guards wounded. In all, 27 witnesses have been examined, eleven of this number having been character witnesses. Much of the evidence on which the state relies to show a conspiracy that would make all of the defendants equally guilty remains yet to be offered. According to Solicitor John G. Carpenter, the state may complete its evidence by Wednesday. The most dramatic incident of the trial occurred last Thursday when the prosecution brought into the court room a "speaking likeness" of the dead police chief in the clothing he wore on the night of the murder, and incased in a black shroud. The figure was ordered removed by Judge M. V. Barnhill, not without considerable debate from both sides. Solicitor Carpenter has given notice that he is going to make another attempt to use the model.

Further increases in many of the agricultural duties in the recent tariff bill were proposed in a program made public in Washington Saturday in behalf of organized American farmers. The farmers' proclamation called for the higher duties on sugar and tobacco provided by the house bill, and demanded increased rates on cattle, cheese, flaxseed, white potatoes, raw wool, hay, staple cotton and numerous vegetables. The farmers organizations pictured a period of distress for agriculture over the last eight years during which taxes have increased for the farmer while his purchasing power has fallen from 15 to 25

Some Potatoes!



E. Hentchel of Pierce, Mo., and his armful of giant Burbank potatoes, some of which are twenty inches in diameter.

Selma Girl Weds Indianapolis Man

Miss Rosa Edith Waddell Becomes Bride of B. J. Harver in Beautiful Home Wedding

Selma, Sept. 8.—In a ceremony characterized by simplicity, Miss Rosa Edith Waddell and Mr. Benjamin Jefferson Horner were united in marriage on Thursday morning, September 5 at seven o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on Webb street. Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church officiating. The bride entered with the groom and was unattended. She was gown in a fall model of wood brown with harmonizing accessories. Only members of the family and a few friends were present.

Mrs. Horner is the charming and gifted daughter of Captain and Mrs. C. B. Waddell. She is a graduate of both Louisville College and Duke University and further pursued her studies at Columbia University, N. Y. She later taught history at Louisville College. For the past two years she has been a member of the high school faculty in her home town, and has scores of admiring friends all over Eastern North Carolina who will be interested in her marriage.

Mr. Horner is a rising young business man of Indianapolis, Ind. The young couple left here by motor immediately after the ceremony for a northern trip, stops to be made at Natural Bridge, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, then back to Philadelphia for two weeks' stay, then on to Syracuse, N. Y., for four weeks. Then on to Indianapolis, Ind., where they will be at home at 774 West Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sasser went to Raleigh Sunday night to see their sister, Miss Laura Sanders, who is ill.

MEETING POU-FARRISH POST-FRIDAY NIGHT

The American Legion will meet in the courthouse in Smithfield on Friday night, Sept. 13 at eight o'clock. This is one of the most important meetings of the year. It calls for the election of officers for the following year and every member is urged to attend and bring a buddy along. There will be some eats and smokes.

H. V. ROSE, Commander.

per cent below pre-war levels.

Eight persons were killed last Tuesday when the airplane, City of San Francisco, in which they were riding struck the side of a mountain in New Mexico during a heavy rain and wind storm. There were signs of an explosion after which the plane burst into flames, burning the five passengers and a crew of three beyond recognition. The bodies were not found until Saturday. The transcontinental air transport monoplane had left Albuquerque, N. M., on its regular flight to Los Angeles and entered a storm area after covering about 50 miles. The high wind is said to have blown the pilot slightly off his course and the storm forced him too low to clear the mountain peak.

Selma And Smithfield Schools To Open Monday

False Rumor

It has been rumored in certain sections of Johnston county that the county superintendent of schools has made the statement that the schools will not open for an indefinite period, because the county commissioners refused to adopt a school budget for the year 1929-1930.

Such a rumor is false. The Board of County Commissioners did on July 18, 1929 adopt a school budget which provided \$18,497.16 more funds for the ensuing year than was used by the schools of Johnston county in the past school year, notwithstanding they have to employ 28 teachers for this year than for last year, at a saving of over \$17,000.00.

If the schools are not opened on time, it will not be the fault of the county commissioners, but wholly chargeable to the county superintendent and his board.

All of this rumor is nothing and for no reason but to perpetrate a little political trickery at the expense of the taxpayers of Johnston county.

We wonder how much longer the people of Johnston county will be mystified by the less than 3 per cent of its taxpayers who are using more than one-half of all the taxes paid by the other 97 per cent.

J. T. EDGERTON, Chairman, Board of Commissioner of Johnston County.

JURY LIST FOR SEPT. 23RD TERM SUPERIOR COURT

The following jury list was drawn at this meeting for the regular term of September Superior court to convene here on September 23:

J. M. O'Neal, Selma township; G. W. Parrish, Smithfield; Burt L. Denning, Meadow; J. E. Allen, Ingrams; L. D. Creech, Clayton; Rastus Price, Oneals; A. L. Massey, Boon Hill; W. B. Wall, Clayton; J. A. Matthews, Pleasant Grove; J. M. Parrish, Clayton; Willie Dixon, Beulah; H. M. Parrish, Pleasant Grove; L. J. Grimes, Elevation; Tom Lassiter, Elevation; J. A. Batten, Clayton; J. L. Brannon, Oneals; J. M. Martin, Bentonville; Henry Webb, Smithfield; B. T. Watkins, Beulah; R. Monroe Pittman, Oneals; G. A. Smith, Clayton; J. J. McLamb, Banner; J. T. Wilkins, Wilders; W. A. Britt, Bentonville; H. G. Thornton, Bentonville; Preston Talton, Boon Hill; J. T. Parnell, Beulah; W. J. Lassiter, Ingrams; Wayne Pierce, Beulah; Joseph P. Barbour, Elevation; J. L. Strickland, Boon Hill; A. Z. West, Ingrams; C. A. Whitaker, Wilders; James H. Parrish, Pleasant Grove; M. T. Barefoot, Ingrams; George Pittman, Micro; Delma Hardee, Elevation; Frank Johnson, Pleasant Grove; S. E. Hatcher, Selma; Phil Edwards, Boon Hill; N. E. Barefoot, Ingrams; R. Henry Holland, Beulah; Joshua Beasley, Banner; S. E. Powell, Bentonville; Seth A. Woodall, Banner; James Boyette, Wilders; P. L. Barden, Pine Level; J. F. Hinnant, Pine Level.

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Decision Is Reached In Joint Session of School Boards of the Two Districts Held Here Yesterday

In spite of the fact that legal prohibitions regarding the opening of Johnston county schools confront the county board of education until an appropriation shall have been made for the six months school budget, the two nine months schools in the county, Selma and Smithfield, will open next Monday, September 16. The boards of trustees of the Selma and Smithfield districts held a joint session here yesterday at which a number of citizens of the two districts was present, and the decision was reached, after due discussion, to open the schools next Monday.

Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, chairman of the Selma school board, presided over the meeting. Those present realized that a grave situation was under consideration and the meeting fittingly opened with prayer led by Mr. Brietz.

Mr. Marrow was present at this meeting and when asked about the difference between the two boards stated that he was of the opinion that no budget had been adopted because the county board of education had been officially served with a resolution passed by the county board of commissioners stating that the board of commissioners had refused to adopt even the amended budget. The text of this resolution follows:

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Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc

Gets Bale Ginned Free. Maurice Tomlinson of Smithfield, colored, was the third man to have a new bale of cotton ginned at W. M. Sanders' new gin. Some time ago Mr. Sanders announced that he would gin the first five bales free. Tomlinson lives on D. W. Peterson's farm two and a half miles from town. Tomlinson says he is a real farmer. He has eleven children—six boys and five girls. Tomlinson stays in town one day and works the others.

Thornton Rowland was the first man to have a bale ginned free, and the second bale which was ginned free belonged to John Myatt and W. M. Smith.

N. O. Brascom has been secured as assistant county agent in Buncombe county.



"Have your 'bacco government graded so the price won't be degraded."
"P. S. Hurray! for Smithfield tobacco market."